

## **Important Reminders/COVID-19 Guidance**

**May 8, 2020**

### **Items of Interest**

#### **NEW: EC Phone Numbers**

As of 5.8.20, DPI has a new phone system and all EC division staff have new phone numbers. The previous phone numbers will become inactive on 5.15.20. Attached, please find the new directory for staff, as well as the EC Division main line.

#### **VI Google Site**

The Consultants for Visual Impairment (VI) are excited to announce the launch of a public-facing Google Site, which replaces a previous VI Wiki Spaces resource. This new site was designed to equip NC VI educators with resources that lead to effective educational programming and instructional practices.

<https://sites.google.com/dpi.nc.gov/nc-dpi-ec-visual-impairment/home-page>.

#### **SLD Policy Addendum-Public Comment**

Please make sure you share this with your District, including staff, administrators and parents

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) is making available proposed language updates to the 2016 Specific Learning Disability (SLD) Addendum. The proposed updates will be available for public review April 29 – May 29, 2020. Comments will be accepted April 29 – May 29, 2020.

A copy of the proposed language updates will be available through local newspapers, the NCDPI Exceptional Children (EC) parent listserv, and the NCDPI website at: <http://ec.ncpublicschools.gov> under Hot Topics. Additionally, each Local Education Agency (LEA) received a copy for public dissemination and review.

Interested citizens may submit comments via this link, [https://ncdpi.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3mm8zg3kMWzhiWF](https://ncdpi.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3mm8zg3kMWzhiWF), or mail to:

NCDPI Exceptional Children Division  
ATTN: Matt Hoskins  
6356 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-6356

#### **Clarification: Grant Training and Due Dates**

- New IDEA Grant System Training: May 12-15, 2020. You will be receiving a registration link from your Regional Coordinator
- Only those with access to the online grant program should plan on attending

#### **PRC 29 Grant Training**

- New Behavior Support Grant Process training will be May 20 (9:00-11:00 am). The link for the training will be sent from your regional behavioral support consultant.

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**Anticipated Cost Survey**

Please complete [this survey](#) requesting anticipated costs to educate Exceptional Children as a result of COVID-19. This survey will be used by DPI staff in conversation with legislative budget committees.

**This survey is time sensitive and should be submitted by Tuesday, May 12.**

**PRC 118 Supplemental Funding Applications**

The supplemental PRC 118 funds applications will be accepted **through COB 5/22/2020**. Award notifications will be sent by 5/29/2020. Budget amendments should be made as soon as possible after the award notification so allotments can be made in a timely manner. The application to request funds is available here:

[https://ncdpi.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_5AramM6xw0YlsZn](https://ncdpi.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5AramM6xw0YlsZn)

**UPDATE: EC Guidance**

Please see the attached EC guidance document that replaces guidance provided from the EC Division on 3/27/2020.